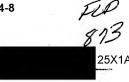
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- In January 1947, German PWs in a camp near Vladika kaz, Caucasus, were asked to volunteer for service in the Soviet Army with the usual promises of new clothing, improved rations, and a term of service not to exceed twelve months. Other appeals were made at the beginning and in the middle of March; on these occasions it was pointed out that German formations already existed. A "Deutsche Kommandostelle West" circular was distributed.
- The 2,500 mountain infantry troops who volunteered were shipped to a camp near Gori /at approximately 42° N, 44° E 100 kilometers west of Tiflis, where they were given field training by German officers. In April, machine pistols were issued to the troops and subordinate commanders were given maps of the Kars-Erzurum area of Turkey. Directives and regulations for this unit were always issued from Moscow under the signature "Kommandostolle West". Actual personal signatures on these documents were invariably illegible.

3. A PW released from a camp near Voronezh is late July 1947 states that at that time approximately 8,000 Germans were still detained there. Workshops in this area had been repaired and were producing aircraft parts and diesel engines; judging from the size of the latter, source believes they were to be used in ships. The engines were shipped by rail to Belopolye. Pws often accompanied those shipments to help in unloading them. (Belopolye = 51°07'N, 34°19'E)

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